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In re Application of  
Lydecker, et al.

Application No. 08/850,996

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: DECISION ON  
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This is in response to the renewed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 9, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

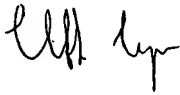
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice to Corrected Application Papers mailed June 27, 2007. This Notice set a non-extendable period for reply of thirty (30) days for applicant to submit a declaration bearing the signature of inventor Thagard. No declaration having been received, the application became abandoned on July 27, 2007. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on August 15, 2007. Applicants filed a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment on August 30, 2007, arguing that they timely filed a declaration. In support thereof, applicants included a proper USPTO date stamped, itemized receipt, establishing that they filed a declaration on July 12, 2007. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on September 28, 2007. The decision pointed out that

applicants did not supply the Office with a copy of the declaration filed on July 12, 2007.

With the instant petition, applicants have submitted a copy of the declaration, bearing a signature of inventor Thagard.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cliff Congo'.

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